

January 4, 1996

The monthly meeting of the Audubon Association was held at the River Cafe and called to order by President Laura Devinney at 7:30 p.m. Those attending were: Clay Sterling, Otto Welper, Jill South, Valerie Peiser, Laura & Rob Devinney, Tracy & Franz Klein, Gail Davis, John O'Donnell, Chuck Noll, Maaike Van Bommel, Karen & Sam Bernstein, Andrea & Alex DiBagno, Suzanne O'Meara, and Donna

November Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and approved by those in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported that APA has a balance of \$6,777.00 with \$5,031.99 in Savings and \$1,746.01 in Checking.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security - We presently do not have a Security Committee. Security dues are due now - \$39.00 / quarter per household. We need to get more information from the Security Patrol and Valerie Peiser suggested that someone needs to attend the Alliance Security Patrol meetings.

Historic - Sam Bernstein shared information on an article on John Martin's home. He found both the Martin home and family to be very interesting. A discussion took place concerning subdivisions and the map of our area. Gail Davis has an old map that may be useful. A meeting is scheduled in the near future.

Membership - 1996 dues are still due for those who haven't yet paid!

Improvements and Projects - Neighborhood standards were discussed such as improvement of lighting, pavement, vacant lots, and trimmed trees. An assessment needs to be taken of our neighborhood and a committee is needed for this task.

Walgreens - The Devinney family worked very hard cleaning out the old Walgreens one week-end. Unfortunately, the trash was not picked up on "Heavy Trash" pick-up day due to this being a commercial site. It was determined that someone needs to talk to the manager of Walgreens and advise him of the situation, hi the past, he has not been very responsive. Sam Bernstein will call the City Health Department.

Beautification - We do not have a Beautification Committee at this time.

Trees- Arbor Day is in January. Last spring, Sam Bernstein gave us some great tips on how to fight off diseases in live oaks. Not too many members have responded to Sam. He has an appointment on January 5, 1996 with Tree Care Company, but they have no insurance. He will be meeting with John Foster from TCC. Sam passed around a sign up sheet for those interested in having their trees looked at by John. We probably need to go with a company that has insurance and is licensed, but it will be more expensive. "Let's keep our trees!"

OLD BUSINESS

Deed Restrictions - There was discussion of the new sign at 804 Hawthorne - "Tarot Card Readings" - evidently, there are families living in there. This needs to be checked out!! Six months have gone by since Deed restrictions were in place. Valerie Peiser is the representative for the Houston Home Owners Association.

VOTES

Funds - Neartown and Civic Association - Should we be involved in giving money to the facility ? Have received \$191.00 from individuals and should we pledge to match that amount ? \$383.00 total. Rob Devinney rejected the idea and suggested that we not contribute. Valerie Peiser brought up having the contacts with Bob Lanier, Sam Lucci, etc. She suggested that we need to think about the future! Clay added that we give \$500.00 from the association and then individuals can give their own contributions. Donations to be taken until January 26th and delivered on January 31st.

Houston Home Association - Sam Bernstein agreed to be the alternate to Valerie Peiser. Karen Bernstein will be involved also.

Newsletter - The Newsletter will continue to be done by John Linger as long as he agrees. We appreciate this, John !!

Historic Committee - The following individuals will be on this committee: Karen Bernstein, Andrea DiBagno, Laura Devinney, Maaiké Van Bommel, and Gail Davis.

Membership - We need to put an "Audubon Place Association" directory together. Later, we can determine what information needs to be included (i.e. children's names & ages, Police information, Acadian Bakery, work phone numbers, etc.) Donna agreed to be chairman and Suzanne will assist her.

Security - Positive Interaction Program (PIP) meetings are held on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. These meetings give the opportunity to share concerns of observations in neighborhoods. Law officers are present - it is not a political or

fundraising situation. Franz Klein, Jill South, and Maaike Van Bommel will be on this committee.

Neighborhood to Stand - Sam Bernstein suggested that we have dinner at the River Cafe to show them our appreciation for the use of their building. Another idea was to give the owner, Lauren, a gift of appreciation. Clay Sterling suggested that we have a party there mid year, a perfect time for a Deed Restriction Celebration in May or June.

Westheimer Arts Festival - Valerie read letter that was drafted to explain our concerns of what has been occurring at the Festival. Some felt that the letter was too heavy and it was also mentioned that some bought their homes for the art environment. Neartown has a committee in place and we can help them. It was mentioned that the "art" portion of the festival will never come back. Clay added that it is causing parking problems as well as loud music to deal with.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne O'Meara
Secretary

February 1,1996

The monthly meeting of the Audubon Association was held at the River Cafe and called to order by President Laura Devinney at 7:30 p.m. Those attending were: Lewis LaMaster, Ralph Cooper, Gail Davis, Valeric Peiser, Clay Sterling, Suzanne & John O'Meara, Dana Roberts, Karen & Sam Bernstein, Dean Johnson, Alex DiBagno, Donna LaRue, Maaike Van Bommel, Tracy & Franz Klein, and Laura Devinney.

Guest Speakers: John Flores, President, Westheimer Street Festival Corp. and Felix Gonzalez, Supt. of Public Facilities were there to discuss the festivals. A clean-up program (Don't mess with Montrose !!) is in effect seven days per week whose purpose is to get rid of trash and graffiti on Westheimer. The Festivals now have new trash containers and this nonprofit group is working on getting legitimate artists there. Upcoming plans include a mini Renaissance Festival in April and an Indian tribe in October. They would like to see Audubon involved - Hyde Park had a booth and made \$1800 profit. Our concerns of the Festivals included broken bottles, trash, parking, loud music, personal alcohol being brought in, and too many drunk individuals. Mr. Flores stated that the property owners on Westheimer have no control over the festival, therefore they nor the police can control the music or alcohol being brought in. He added that his committee will try to have more control over glass containers being brought in.

January Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and approved by those in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported that APA has a balance of \$6421.70, with \$5040.69 in Savings and \$1381.01 in Checking. \$1802.46 is set aside for the Security Fund, and \$562.00 for the Lifting Fund. This leaves a current General Fund balance of \$4057.24. Of the disbursements, \$500.00 was paid to the Storefront (from Security), \$50.00 was paid to the Houston Homeowners Ass., and \$25.00 was paid to Neartown for membership dues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security & PIP: Valerie Peiser and Maaïke Van Bommel attended the last PIP meeting where historical communities were discussed. Our crime bulletin looked good in November and December.

Historic: Karen Bernstein attended meeting last night where research on historic neighborhoods was discussed.

Neighborhoods in Standard- Donna LaRue discussed sidewalks and lighting. Lights on wooden poles need to remain on them. According to the manual, it would cost \$1500.00 apiece to take out poles. We need more lighting due to some of our blocks not having much at all!

Membership- It was determined that we will invoice those members who have not paid their dues. We will take last year's list as well as this year's list and invoice those not yet paid.

Houston Homeowners Association: Laura and Valerie attended meeting concerning Education, Environment, and Parks. The primary focus was on children and the concept to energize them by starting with the school and moving outward.

OLELBUSINESS:

Storefront: Auduhon donated \$500.00. A new roof is going on. This is a fundraiser for Neartown every year.

Lighting: Discussion concerning lighting on Audubon and Westmorland and doing mutual projects together. Westmoreland has few lights and is putting in new lighting. Discussed decorative lighting as is presently on North and South Blvds. (Sunset, Albans, Rice Village area).

Membership package: We presently have 22 members - Need to contact new members with our up-coming package. Should possibly use the old decals as our logo. If you donate to the Security fund, then you would have a Decal on your car. Discussed phone directory - do we want children's names, pets, etc ?

lie£Si_Sam Bernstein is still working hard gathering info on our trees - he presently has 25 pages of information. He has gotten different stories from people on the actual care that we should take.

Garage Sale: Third annual garage sale will be this spring. Valeric will begin accepting donations now or you may call her to pick them up !!

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne O'Meara
Secretary

March 7, 1996

The monthly meeting of the Audubon Place Association was held at the Firehouse and called to order by vice-president Laura Devinney at 7:45 p.m. Those attending were: Karen & Sam Bernstein, Mark B.?, Gary R. Coover, Gail Davis, Andrea DiBagno, Laura & Rob Devinney, Bonnie Goodrich, Dean Johnson, Preston Kent, Franz & Tracy Klein, Michael Landrum, Donna LaRue, John O'Donnell, Richard Owen, Randy Pace, Philip Paratore, Valeric Peiser, and Gary Trainor.

Guest Speakers: Dale Gorczynski, campaigning for Justice of the Peace, addressed the meeting and discussed enforcement of deed restrictions and that violations of same can be handled in his court.

This month's invited speaker, Randy Pace, spoke re: Historic Preservation and explained the preservation ordinance passed by the City of Houston in March, '95. Mr. Pace is employed by the City of Houston and will be a valuable resource for APA in its endeavor to have our neighborhood declared a Historic District. Mr. Pace had previously met with our Historic Committee and has offered assistance to us through his office and his expertise.

February Minutes: The minutes were distributed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer was not in attendance and no report was given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historic Preservation Committee - Andrea DiBagno asked for volunteers to work on the Historic District application.

Security: Franz Klein reported that Covenant House has acquired additional property at Hawthorne and Mulberry and will have a resident facility on the property. Heidi Petri, District 1 P.I.P. coordinator and police officer is available to conduct home security evaluations. Her # is 529-3100 (w) and 264-6066 (pager). There is a possible house of prostitution at 2011 Waugh. The Bicycle Patrol is in the hole and is soliciting contributions of \$\$ and equipment.

Membership: Prospective members will be contacted during the next month about joining APA.

Recycling: Refer to the article in this month's newsletter.

Neighborhood Quality: Sam Bernstein is still taking names of those interested in having their trees trimmed and/or fertilized.

Houston Homeowner's Association: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Improvements: At the meeting with Councilmember Jew Don Boney in February, APA requested additional street lighting, improvement to sewers on Hawthorne and Stanford, trimming and fertilizing of trees, and enforcement of the secure order on the open houses on West Alabama (these have since been secured). Sam Bernstein will file a formal complaint about the abandoned Walgreen's building at Harold and Montrose.

S.W.A.P.: Following a public meeting at Poe Elementary February 13, the Texas Dept. of Transportation has agreed to abandon the proposed changes to the Southwest Freeway and Spur 527. The new plan calls for all construction and widening of the roadways to be done at grade level and noise barriers will be constructed. The most objectionable part of the plan, the elevated, two lane H.O.V. lane and its attendant fly-over at Kirby has been canceled. S.W.A.P. will continue to monitor Tx. Dot's plans for our area.

Westheimer Street Festival: Neartown Association officers had a meeting with John Flores, director of this festival, and requested that no alcoholic beverages be allowed into the festival area.

Lighting Project: Our lighting will be upgraded through the Neighborhoods to Standard Program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trees for Montrose: John O'Donnell has agreed to conduct a visual survey of our neighborhood to see what areas would benefit from planting of additional trees. He will coordinate this project with Sam Bernstein.

Third Annual APA Garage Sale and Plant Swap: The date for the sale is May 4. The date in both APA's and Neartown's newsletters was incorrect. Please call Valerie Peiser to donate items @ 528-1143.

Membership Packages: the President, Laura Devinney, presented her proposal for a package to be presented to new members as well as new stationary and postcards for the association. The motion was made to approve expenditures for postcards, envelopes, letterheads, and brochures by Tracy Klein and seconded by Clay Sterling. The motion was approved. John O'Donnell will research costs for business card magnets. Clay Sterling moved that the board of APA be allowed to spend up to \$500. without approval by general membership. Franz Klein seconded and the motion was approved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Peiser
Acting Secretary

April 4, 1996

The monthly meeting of the Audubon Place Association was held at the River Cafe and called to order by President Laura Devinney at 7:40 p.m. Those attending were: Clay Sterling, Suzanne O'Meara, Valeric Peiser, Rob and Laura Devinney, Terry Baird, Dana Roberts, John Unger, John O'Donnell, Chuck Noll, and Franz Klein.

Guest Speaker: Susan Fischer, owner of Fischer-Schalles Landscape Architecture addressed the meeting and discussed spring planting of bulbs and flowers. Her partner is in Horticulture and they designed Lovett Gardens. They are available to help with design services on a consultation basis, (hourly fee) She suggested that you start with 15 gallon size trees and 4" size in plants. Beds need to be well prepped and use as little chemicals as possible when using bug spray. Urban Harvest, a community Garden and Orchid program has established community gardens. Camille Waters will have a Lettuce Tasting at Oak Farms Dairy on April 22nd. Her lettuces are grown for Benji Restaurant in the Village.

March Minutes: The minutes were distributed and approved . Clay Sterling was not listed in the list of attendees, however was present!!!

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer was not in attendance and no report was given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Security and P.I.P.

Franz Klein discussed viewing the 18 minute video concerning carrying concealed weapons and the necessary applications for carrying concealed handguns. The upcoming Westheimer Street Festival was discussed -Captain Randy Ellen has advised that they are going with the majority who evidently wants the festival - Neartown is in that majority. Neartown formed a Committee concerning the festival with votes for and against being evenly

divided. Avondale is against. Permits were discussed and Valeric stressed that we need to force the city to evaluate everything before issuing permits and look at the whole picture, not just the pieces. Houston Homeowners - we discussed the impact on the permit process, Deed restrictions (assisting lower economic neighborhoods), and parking permits for neighborhoods.

Crime: Last month there was a robbery on Montrose at West Alabama, a garage burglary on Kipling, and a suburban was stolen on Kipling. Those with alarm systems need to be aware that people have been in the neighborhood inquiring about alarm systems in your home - this needs to be monitored.

Historic: Committee met 2 days ago and was not well attended. This job is a monumental task and it was suggested that each household try to find out as much information on their home as possible. Look for old photographs, etc.

Neighborhoods to Standard: Clay has been working on the street lights. A pole was added on Audubon and Hawthorne and ten more on Lovett. There was recently a sewer problem at 700 Hawthorne and the City was responsive to our needs.

Membership: Laura and Suzanne reported that they had contacted individuals and that some will or have sent in their dues. Membership packets are being put together.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trees report: John O'Donnell conducted his visual survey of our trees and found that the mature trees are not growing well - sparse on top. Water holes work well with trees. The trees on the 600-700 block of Alabama do not look so good. Franz Klein advised that he had met with Fosters Tree Service at his home and that they were very helpful.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting location: Neartown offered to let us use the Old Firehouse for our meetings, however it was decided that due to lack of parking and people enjoying the walk to the River Cafe, we will keep our meetings there. In the

event that the room is not available to us, we will meet in the home of Valeric, Laura, or Suzanne. (or anyone else who wants to offer)

Annual Garage Sale / Plant Swap: The garage sale is planned for Saturday, May 4, 1996. Valeric is still taking donations !!!

Membership Party: In lieu of a monthly meeting in May, we will have a Membership Party to be held on Thursday, May 2, 1996 at the Peiser's home. Everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish - please contact Valeric or Mikka to let them know what you can bring. It should be a very enjoyable evening.

Other: Neartown Wide Clean-up - It was determined that our major focus should be on the alleys, dumpsters, and the esplanade on Audubon. (raking and edging)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Respectfully submitted.

Suzanne O'Meara Secretary

June 3, 1996

The monthly meeting of the Audubon Place Association was held at the River Cafe and called to order by President Laura Devinney at 7:40 p.m. Those attending were: Rob & Laura Devinney, Valeric Peiser, Dana Roberts, John Unger, Franz Klein, Sam Bernstein, Maaike Van Bemmelen, Suzanne O'Meara, Michael Landrum, Gary Trainer, Philip Paratore, Chuck Noll, Rafaele Malandain, Peter, and Tony.

April Minutes: The minutes were distributed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Maaike reported that we currently have \$7317.87 in our Savings account and \$ 777.48 in our checking account. \$ 91.29 was spent on the printing of our stationary and \$ 170.00 was spent on the Deed Restriction party held in May. We now have a Safety Deposit box and the President and Treasurer will each have a key to it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Houston Homeowners:

Valeric reported that their primary objective is to help get Deed Restrictions for those neighborhoods that don't have the money to do so. Off-street Ordinance Changes - There is a proposal to add a program which will allow neighborhoods to have permit parking on their streets. Decals may be issued to blocks or neighborhoods as well as guest tags. If anyone is having a problem on their block with commercial parking spillover, please contact Valeric for she will be attending the hearings, however this issue is in its initial stages.

Membership:

AU updated information has been given to Suzanne and Donna. Laura handed out 5 newcomer packets this past week. We will begin a Membership Drive - when a member joins, it will be \$ 10.00 per person and they may have an Audubon T-shirt for \$ 10.00 apiece.

Historical:

None of the Committee were present and Laura announced that Andrea and Karen were surrendering; their Chairmanship due to it being such a time consuming job, Gary Coover agreed to Co-Chair the Committee with help from others. We need some volunteers,

Newsletter:

Many thanks to John Unger for undergoing the huge responsibility of getting our Newsletter out - he sends 425 out a month and pays for the postage.

Security and P.I.P.:

Franz reported that the Street Festival, Bicycle race, and Crime were the topics of discussion at the last P.I.P. meeting. All major crimes by adults are down, however those by children are up !! They discussed spending more tax dollars on programs to deal with the youth. There are still many problems existing in the Clubs in Montrose - Audubon is being scoped out for crime. Franz discussed the suburban again that was stolen in front of his home in April - his guest did neglect to turn on her car alarm and he stressed the importance of utilizing them !! The Law Firm next to Valerie Peiser's home was broken into, however nothing was stolen. There was an attempt to break into the house behind Regency Cleaners. Franz asks that everyone either call him or send a fax on anything unusual that you may see.

OLD BUSINESS!

Garage Sale:

Audubon had a very successful garage sale and made \$ 1233.38. Valerie has already been given a lamp as a donation for next year.

Walgreens:

There are more problems at our neighborhood Walgreens store !!! Several individuals have had experiences with people begging for money. Rob Devinney will write another letter to Walgreens concerning our problems and their lack of Security.

NEW BUSINESS:

Security:

We have not had a Constable patrolling our neighborhood in the past 5 weeks. The account for his pay is currently in arrears - presently \$ 2000.00

up from \$12,000.00 in March. The calendar year for the Constable is Oct. thru Sept. - Contract year. We do not have to pay for his downtime but need to streamline the billing for Audubon. Pay dues to the Audubon address in the Newsletter and write check to Alliance Security Patrol. \$ 6700.00 was contributed last year and only \$ 3200.00 has been contributed this year thus far. One problem is that current subscribers have not been billed. We need \$ 2000.00 to get our Constable back - He does drive a marked car and will watch your home when you are on vacation. Clay Sterling may take on the responsibility to bill those who have not yet paid. - Maaike will take the checks. A fundraiser was mentioned to possibly set up an Escrow account. It was decided that we will have speakers at our September meeting to discuss Security, (i.e. Alan Rubin)
There have also been incidences of mail being stolen out of residents' mail boxes that are attached to their gate or fence.

Committee Volunteers:

1.) Neartown has formed a committee to try to eliminate the Westheimer Street Festival, as well as all street festivals there - also trying to eliminate SOB/bars in neighborhoods. They are meeting every Monday evening. Valeric and Maaike agreed to go once a month on different nights.

2.) Deed Restrictions - Sam Bernstein will be the chairman of this committee with Dana Roberts assisting him.

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3.) Security - Franz Klein will still be chairman and needs help on the Alliance Patrol. Maaike agreed to assist him and Clay has also offered.

C.) Speed Humps - Valerie will do a survey on the getting speed humps on Audubon. An informal vote was taken but not major discussion.

P.) Decorative Sign for Audubon - Discussion on this topic included advertisement that Audubon is Deed Restricted and that we should have signs at all entrances. Laura will ask various residents for their input and all in attendance were urged to talk among their neighbors. Our new Audubon resident, Peter is a Graphic Artist and we are hoping for some good ideas from him.

E.) Meeting Schedule - There will not be a meeting in July due to the 4th of July, In lieu of an August meeting, we will have Neighborhood Night Out -

hopefully with a good attendance so that we can share some sign ideas along with getting to know our neighbors better.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne OMeara
Secretary

September 5, 1996

The monthly meeting of the Audubon Place Association was held at River Cafe and called to order by president Laura Devinney at 7:40 p.m. Those attending were: Habi Acevedo, Peter Boyle, John Unger, Laura Devinney, Rob Devinney, Maaike Van Bommel, Valcrie Peiser, Clay Sterling, Sam Bernstein, Karen Bernstein, Patti Thompson, and Kathy Welch.

The president introduced the guest speakers for the evening. The first was Alan Rubin who spoke to us about the Alliance Security Patrol and its current status. The Patrol account was short by about \$13,000, earlier this year and because of this we have been without the Constable Patrol most of 1996. We are now current and have approximately two (2) months patrol expenses in the bank. If we elect to reinstate the patrol, we must make a concerted effort to increase subscribers and have a better method of collecting pledged subscriptions. Another option is to refund the money and call it a day. We will discuss this further and poll the neighborhood.

Our next speaker was Officer Blake Present, who is stationed at the 802 Storefront. Officer Present explained the role and capacity of the Storefront and provided numerous handouts. The Storefront currently has two (2) bicycle officers, three (3) community service officers, and support staff. They will do home security inspections for insurance reduction purposes, assist neighborhoods in implementing Citizens Patrols, receive crime reports, and assist with recurring problems citizens may be experiencing. They do not dispatch from the Storefront. If you need an officer to come to your home or business you should call 222-3131. If it is a life threatening emergency, call 911.

Pat Teer, Chairwoman of PIP, District 1, Central Patrol, spoke to us about P.I.P., as well as other groups available to the community, particularly victims of crimes and victims' families. These include Justice For All and Parents of Murdered Children. She also provided information about the Citizens Police Academy, of which she is a graduate. This program allows citizens to attend an abbreviated form of the Academy and offers the opportunity following graduation to become a member of the Alumni Assn. This association provides volunteer opportunities and continuing education classes for nominal fees. (Anyone interested in attending can contact Valeric Peiser @ 528-1143)

General Meeting:

June Minutes: The minutes were distributed and approved with one correction. Gary Coover, not Gary Trainor, will co-chair the Historic Committee.

Treasurer's Report: Maaike reported a Savings balance of \$6,358.49, a Checking balance of \$888.45, for a total of \$7,246.94.

OLD BUSINESS

Sign Contest: We have received two entries to date. Peter Boyle has agreed to chair the selection committee and Patti Thompson will serve on the committee.

Security: Discussion was delayed pending an officers meeting.

Traffic Options: Clay, Valerie, and John O'Donnell attended a meeting along with Westmorland residents to discuss possible options in dealing with cut-through and speeding traffic. A meeting will be held with the city in September and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Deed Restriction Enforcement: Sam Bernstein asked for authorization to incur expenses to enforce the restrictions. A motion was made and seconded to allow him to spend up to \$100. without prior approval. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: Clay Sterling will co-chair this year's committee. A proposed slate of officers will be presented at the October meeting and voted on at the November general meeting._

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Peiser
Acting Secretary

October 3, 1996

The monthly meeting of the Audubon Place Association was held at the Fire House on Westheimer and called to order by president Laura Devinney at 7:45 p.m. Those attending were: Laura Devinney, Rob Devinney, Clay Sterling, Karen Bernstein, Sam Bernstein, Suzanne O'Meara, Peter Boyle, Tony Herrada, Philip Paratore, and Anne Lugg.

September Minutes: The minutes were distributed and approved with two corrections. Gary Coover, not Gary Trainor or Gary Connier will Chair, not Co-Chair the Historic Committee. **(Gary - Suzanne and Valeric apologize !!!!!!!)**

Treasurer's Report: Maaike was attending the Southwest Freeway meeting so Laura reported a Savings balance of \$6,358.49, a Checking balance of 5.45, for a total of \$7,246.94, same as last month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Nominating: Discussion was held that we need new blood - some individuals have been on the board for 5-6 years. We will vote for the following slate of officers at the November meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

President: Sam Bernstein., 1st Vice President: Philip Paratore, 2nd Vice President: John O'Donnell, Secretary: AnnJLJgg, and Treasurer: Maaike.

B. Civic Association Sign: Peter Boyle has been in contact with the City concerning neighborhood signs. All signs must be permitted by the City. Clay Sterling will call Rick Carter from the Hyde Park Civic Association to get more information on the legality of signs. We need to decide where we want the sign and how much to spend on it. We are still looking for new entries so please consider presenting them at the December Christmas party.

C. Historic: Gary Coover held a meeting and it was determined that the next step is for owners to do their own research on their home.

Old Business:

Westmorland / Audubon Traffic Options - Clay Sterling is one of five committee members doing a study on neighborhoods regarding traffic solutions, (i.e. street lights, stop signs, speed bumps, etc.) Clay has blue cards that we may send in to the city regarding present problems and/or requests for improvements. We are one of twenty six (26) neighborhoods having the study in the Houston area. Audubon and Westmoreland are grouped together.

New Business:

A.) By-laws Changes: A discussion will be held at the November meeting concerning the Nominating Committee, the role of the first vice-president, and terms of office for the Treasurer and the Secretary. After discussion, we will vote on any changes to be made.

B.) HPD..Security Program: We are looking at having police officers from the County (not Constables) to use for Security in our neighborhood. They would use their own cars and we would provide Audubon signs. We would need an answering service and they would have pagers. Suggested cost would be \$ 39.00 / quarter per household or \$ 175.00 per year. The officers would be paid \$ 20.00 per hour. Audubon, Westmoreland and Montrose Proper would share this program. Maaike will represent us on the committee who is overseeing the Alliance Security Patrol. Laura will find out what other neighborhoods are doing as far as HPD Security.

C. Christmas Party: Our annual neighborhood Christmas party will be held on Thursday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m. at Clay Sterling's house. Liquor, beer, and wine will be provided . Please call Laura or Clay prior to the party to let them know what food you plan to bring. Everything from hor d'oeuvres to desserts will be needed.

D. Westheimer Street Festival Parking Requirements: Parking for the festival will be alternated on every other street. No parking signs will be provided and cars will be towed if illegally parked. Sixty three additional police officers will be on duty during the festival. Sam Bernstein agreed to take pictures at prime time during the Festival to get an idea of attendance and the

condition of the crowd. Please call HPD at 222-3131 to report any violations that you may see or hear.

E. Soundwaves: Laura has invited the manager of the new Soundwaves (corner of Montrose and Harold) to speak at our November meeting. It is very important that the traffic from his facility is directed back to Montrose and not through our neighborhood. The developer of the new center at the Atlas Travel site has also been invited to speak at our meeting to present his plans to us.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne O'Meara
Secretary

PROPOSED APA BYLAWS AMENDMENT

A. NOMINATING COMMITTEE Change part of Article

V, Section 1 of the bylaws from:

"...The President shall, thirty days before the November meeting of each year, appoint a nominating committee to prepare a single slate of officers for service during the ensuing year."

The Amended part of Article V, Section 1 would read:

"...Before the October meeting of each year, a nominating committee comprised of the current President and Past President shall meet to prepare a single slate of officers for service during the following year."

B. ROLE OF THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT Add

to Article V, Section 2a RE 1st V-P's role;

"The current Vice-President shall become the following year's President. If the current Vice-President in any year is unable to serve as the following year's President, the nominating committee shall include a candidate for President in its slate of officer's for the following year."

C. TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE TREASURER & SECRETARY

Change the last sentence of Article V, Section 5 from:

"Officers shall be installed at the first general meeting in January and shall hold office for one (1) year."

The Amended part of Article V, Section 1 would read:

"Officers shall be installed at the first general meeting in January and shall hold office for one (1) year, except for the Secretary and Treasurer who shall each hold two (2) year terms."

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October Minutes: The minutes were distributed and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Nominating / Slate of Officers 1997 - Clay Sterling announced the following slate of officers: President: Sam Bernstein, 1st V. President - Phillip Paratore, 2nd V. President - John OTDonnell, Secretary - Ann Lugg, and Treasurer - Maaike Van Bommel.

B. Sign: Patti Thompson had talked to the City and to HL&P concerning residential signs. Sign in the median is O.K. HL&P said that the brackets had to be made of stainless steel material. Need to get a permit from the City. Can put sign up on each end of median - one at Alabama and one at Hawthorne on Audubon. We will need fundraisers to fund it.

C. Historic: A meeting will be held on Sunday, November 10th at 4:00 p.m. at 804 Kipling. Texas Historical Commission meeting will be in February. There are 50 building permits in the library of homes built between 1912 and 1916 in our neighborhood. We need family histories also. Homes that are 50 years or older are considered to be historic.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Westmorland / Audubon Traffic Study: This pertained to the cut through traffic between Hawthorne and Alabama. The City took our suggestions and did a study of the number of vehicles travelling on these two streets. They also were checking the speed of the vehicles. Nothing will happen for 6 months. Clay will go to the next meeting in November, 1996. There will be a committee meeting the first part of year in 1997. Westmoreland wants Hawthorne cut off at Smith.

B. Westheimer Street Festival: The festival was held on Oct. 19th and 20th. Audubon had alternate parking on streets running east and west. On November 20th, there is a meeting to be held with the festival committee. Responses from our members were garbage found on Audubon Place on Monday, there was a break in at 12:30 a.m. at 636 Alabama, the tow trucks were driving very fast, alot of trash found all over, someone seen

urinating on Stanford, problem with cars going around the median on Lovett, and a fight occurred on Hawthorne.

C. Alliance / Security Patrol: There will be a committee meeting on November 10th. Maikka will attend. The function of the committee is to bill members, control the bank accounts, and to help make things run smoothly. Clay has Neighborhood to Watch signs in his closet. There are some pole lights out - need to get the serial number off of the pole and call HL&P to report number and the street it is on. Laura has the name of contact and number at HL&P.

D. By-laws changes review: By - laws changes were read, revised as stated and accepted.

E. New Commercial Neighbors: Laura had invited manager of Soundwaves to speak again but did not show up. Discussed and looked at plans for the new Hawthorne Square at Montrose.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Christmas Party: Our annual Christmas party will be held on December 5th, Thursday evening at Clay Sterling's house. Please bring a dish and beverages will be available.

B. Nominations from floor: There were no new nominations for officers.

C. Presentation of Officers: New officers were introduced and each gave a short speech.

D. Vote by all members: All new officers were accepted into office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne O'Meara
Secretary